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Martha Kaczmarczyk, Cynthia Leigh and Cindy Goldberg are three members of the Cascades Green Team, formed in April to make Cascades an environmentally friendly, energy-efficient community.

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## Smoke-Free Place for Every Taste

**Former Redskins coach opens restaurant.**

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI  
THE CONNECTION

Typically, sports enthusiasts, food lovers and families must go to multiple establishments from dive bars to five-star restaurants to find a place for all tastes. Now, with the opening of Velocity Five in Potomac Falls, there is somewhere to go that caters to everyone in the group.

Velocity Five, which opened Aug. 26, provides what owner Jim Speros, former assistant coach for the Washington Redskins and entrepreneur, calls “an upscale sports bar with a full-service menu” that accommodates everyone from those looking to dine, watch a sporting event to those going out for happy hour.

**LOCATED IN THE GREAT** Falls Plaza at the corner of Algonkian Parkway and Lowes Island Boulevard, Speros purchased the space, which was previously inhabited by Fox Chase Tavern, soon after opening the other Velocity Five location in Falls Church last March. Seeking to follow his business model of getting three locations up and running within 18 months, Speros purchased the 5,200-square-foot property and quickly transformed it with cherrywood on the bar, floor and walls and separate dining rooms



Patrons watching Monday Night Football at the bar.

for families and parties that have private booths. Furthermore, Speros added a 2,000-square-foot outdoor patio with tables that is soon to have a full-service bar with an awning and heaters for year-round use.

The most appealing offering that Veloc-

ity Five provides, equally important to the food for many patrons, is the fact that it is a nonsmoking establishment. Speros said that it was important to him to separate the different sections of the restaurants, keeping the dining areas, patio and bar sepa-

rated to keep noise down for those trying to eat. However, since he did not want to fully partition those sections, he decided the only way to integrate the sections was to make the entire place smoke free.

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## Green Team to Rescue

**Group works to put Cascades at forefront of eco-friendliness and has several upcoming events.**

BY MIKE DICICCO  
THE CONNECTION

In March, Cindy Goldberg placed a call for members for a then-nonexistent Green Team in the Cascades Current newsletter, setting a time and place for the group’s first meeting. About eight or 10 people showed up for the initial meeting in April.

Since then, a number of environmentally friendly changes have taken place in the Cascades community, several “green” events have been planned for the next few months, and the team, now numbering about a dozen members, is working to establish a countywide coalition with other communities.

“I think a lot of us had kind of a pent-up

demand for that sort of thing,” said Cynthia Leigh, another of the group’s formative members. “I know I did.”

**THE CASCADES** Green Team meets once a month to share ideas and make plans for the community. “One of the nicest things about the Green Team, for me, has been to share our ideas,” Leigh said, noting that she had, for example, recently learned about the Freecycle Network through discussions with the group.

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— Cynthia Leigh

Martha Kaczmarczyk, team member and general manager of the Cascades Community Association, said the advice is also shared with residents via a green initiative page on the community Web site, tips and

columns in the newsletter and word-of-

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## Enforcement Yields Results

**Staff reports on aggressive Sterling Park pilot program initiated in December.**

BY MIKE DICICCO  
THE CONNECTION

By the time zoning enforcement staff started patrolling two streets in Sterling Park last February, many of the problems they were there to correct had already been rectified, according to the report that was presented to the Board of Supervisors at its meeting last Tuesday, Sept. 2.

According to the report, staff concluded that a number of property owners had brought themselves into

compliance after being notified that inspectors would be on their streets, given the number of violations the staffers found, compared with the number of complaints they had received previously.

In the face of mounting complaints about ill-kept properties and multiple,

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— Keith Fairfax, enforcement program manager

unrelated people packed into homes in Sterling, the previous Board of Supervisors directed staff last December to launch a pilot program of proactive zoning enforcement on North Argonne

Avenue and Williamsburg Road, two ar

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## Offices Moving

The Loudoun County Sheriff's Administrative Offices will be moving from its current location on Catocin Circle to 880 Harrison St. in Leesburg in September.

The move will take place from Sept. 17-19. During this time the main Sheriff's Office will be closed to the public for administrative services. The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office Leesburg office will reopen Monday, Sept. 22. The Sheriff's Office administrative building now includes personnel from the Sheriff's Office administration, records, public information, applicants section and property and evidence.

The move comes as the agency attempts to consolidate the various divisions and streamline its operations. Due to the fact the agency has no facility large enough to accommodate all divisions; several divisions are spread out among five different buildings in the Leesburg area. Later this year the Special Operations Division and the Criminal Investigations Division will move into the 39 Catocin Circle location after it has been renovated.

## Free Safety Kits

The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office is encouraging gun owners to pick up free safety kits. The agency has more 1,000 gunlocks that were donated to them by Project ChildSafe, a nationwide firearms safety education program in an effort to prevent gun accidents in the homes of county residents.

The safety kits, which include a gunlock, will be distributed on a first come-first serve basis at three Sheriff's Office facilities in the county. The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office Administration Building, 39 Catocin Circle, S.E., Leesburg; the Dulles South Public Safety Center, 25216 Loudoun County Parkway in Chantilly; and the Ashburn substation, 45299 Research Place in Ashburn. The gunlocks can be picked-up between the hours of 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Mondays-Fridays.

Each kit contains a safety curriculum and a cable-style gunlock. The locks fit on most types of handguns, rifles and shotguns.

## Health Check Survey

Loudoun County residents have a few weeks remaining to participate in a survey as part of the county's first formal public health needs assessment, "Loudoun Health Check." The survey will end Tuesday, Sept. 30.

"This brief, anonymous survey is critical to understanding the priorities and needs of our residents," said Dr. David Goodfriend, Loudoun County Health Department Director, in a press release.

The Loudoun Health Check survey is available online at [www.loudoun.gov/healthcheck](http://www.loudoun.gov/healthcheck), and in hard copy form at Loudoun County libraries and community centers. For more information, contact the Health Department at [health@loudoun.gov](mailto:health@loudoun.gov).

## Watch for Children

Now that the summer break has come to an end Loudoun County Sheriff Steve Simpson is reminding all drivers to watch for school-aged children walking to and from school; as they may forget to watch for you.

During the first few weeks of September deputies will be conducting a Back-to-School campaign strictly enforcing speed and other traffic violations in the area of elementary, middle and high schools throughout the county. The campaign is to ensure the safety and welfare for the children returning to school.

Deputies will be utilizing RADAR, LIDAR and "Smart Trailers," marked and unmarked cruisers, as well as the motorcycle unit.

The Sheriff's Office would also like to send a friendly reminder to all drivers to obey signals by law-enforcement officers and crossing guards. Last school year there were several incidents where drivers disobeyed the signals given by crossing guards. By ignoring their signals the drivers put the lives of the children and the crossing guard in danger.

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## COMMUNITY



The children of George, South Africa gather for a Bible lesson.

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# Lending a Hand

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Sterling goes on mission trips.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI  
THE CONNECTION

Donating canned vegetables to a food drive or clothes to a Salvation Army drop box and volunteering for the occasional fund-raiser is frequently the extent of many people's charitable contribution. However, some people simply have the desire to do more and the parishioners at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church are just that type.

Over the summer, the church sent three groups of people on three different mission trips to Pomona, Belize, George, South Africa and Philadelphia to help less fortunate communities and to spread their message to the locals there. The trips to Belize and Philadelphia were youth missions, with young men and women in ninth grade and above, while the trip to South Africa was an adult mission for those 18 and up.

Church pastor, the Rev. Rob Merola, led the mission trip to Belize, which ran from June 28 to July 5. There, Merola and his fellow missionaries provided a great deal of aid to the locals in the community, whose town had just been ravaged by severe flooding. Merola said that entire farms and homes had completely washed away, leaving the residents either homeless or gravely lacking.

"The level of need in this place is heightened," Merola said. "It took me out of my comfort zone, but being in these Third World conditions, I knew this was where I was supposed to be."

ACCORDING TO MEROLA, the people of Pomona received aid in the form of food and water soon af-

ter the flooding devastated the town, but their infrastructure was so weakened that it could not effectively distribute the aid to the people, leaving many starving. Soon after their arrival, the missionaries stepped in and helped the town to organize the distribution and helped them to get the food and water to all who needed it.

In addition to handing out the food, the group tackled another tough job: helping the locals to rebuild their school, which was also in bad shape following the flood. Ensuring that no child was left without the opportunity for an education, the group helped to repair the school and added a second floor to it. While helping to build the new floor, they also educated the children, holding a vocational Bible study nightly and even organizing sports and other games for the children to play.

Mark Vereb, a layman parishioner of St. Matthews, led the group of 10 that went to George, South Africa, on July 10 for two weeks. The eclectic group, ranging in age from 18 to people in their mid-70s, partnered with a ministry called Life Community Services, which has a large presence in George, with nine centers based in the area. According to Vereb, most of the work in George centered on providing food and interacting with the lo-

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— Rev. Rob Merola,  
St. Matthew's  
Episcopal Church,  
pastor

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# Restaurant For All Tastes

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"I wanted to have a smoke-free environment so families can come in and enjoy dinner," Speros said. "It's a win-win for everybody; customers, employees. Bartenders have even come here [specifically] to work, because they don't like the smoke."

**THOUGH THE RESTAURANT** accommodates everyone, it is still a sports bar at heart. Perhaps most im-

portant to sports fanatics is to enjoy a good beer or drink while watching their favorite

## Velocity Five

Velocity Five is open 11 a.m.-2 a.m. daily, with full menu until 11 p.m., and late-night selections until close. For menu, schedule of events and more, visit [www.velocityfiverestaurant.com](http://www.velocityfiverestaurant.com).

Speros, developer of several successful enterprises in the area, said he has "the restaurant business in my blood," as he grew up with a family that owned a local restaurant for more than 30 years, and went on to create and own a few restaurants before he

opened the two Velocity Fives. His parents owned Normandie Farm Restaurant, the place where he learned the in and outs of the business, and after winning a national championship in college football at Clemson University and stints with the Redskins and Buffalo Bills

in the NFL, he returned to the food-service industry.

**WHEN HE PURCHASED** the Baltimore Stallions of the Canadian Football League in the mid 1990s, he personally oversaw the food and concession services at more than 20 events a year. After selling the team in 1998, he decided that he enjoyed the food industry so much that he would get into the restaurant business. He invested in and opened two restaurants, including Great Falls Tavern, and seeing a greater opportunity, he decided to "merge technology and sports" and create Velocity Five.

Speros said that a third Velocity Five is in the works currently, with two locations in Arlington being negotiated. He plans to expand the restaurant, making it a chain with potential locations in Centreville, Woodbridge and Alexandria, staying in Northern Virginia to begin with and then expanding from there.

"What differentiates us is the atmosphere, our full-service menu with moderately priced food for the families," Speros said. "Everybody can be satisfied here. We can cater to and accommodate every customer."

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— Jim Speros, Velocity Five, owner

Each television has its own feed, which means that each television can show a different sporting event simultaneously, coming in very handy for NFL games and NCAA March Madness, when every single televised game will be shown at the same time.

"Yesterday was football heaven," said patron Tim Owens of Cascades. "It's a great neighborhood bar, great location. Plus, [Jim] Speros did a great job remodeling this place."

# St. Matthew's Mission of Mercy

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cal children.

Vereb said even though Life Community Services had several centers in George, they had only one centralized kitchen, which served food daily to every child. This is obviously a

daunting task, so the group pitched in to help the Life Community missionaries, serving food every day, which Vereb noted was the only food many of the children ate and survived on. In addition, the group held services four times a week, in which they would pray and sing and then teach the child, giving a different lesson each day.

"There was so much that went on [in those two weeks]," Vereb said. The people who ran Life Community Services were phenomenal. They really relied on God for everything."

**MEROLA ALSO LED** the youth mission to Philadelphia, where young parishioners got a chance to lend a hand to those in need. Merola said that the group's work primarily focused on providing food to the homeless and to those in shelters. The group worked daily from Aug. 3-9 in area food banks, helping to organize and distribute food donations and also spent time working in community soup kitchens.

"In Philadelphia, they saw a lot of needy people. They saw needy people in their own backyard," Merola said, stressing the impact it had on the children who had not seen such poverty in their own country.

Miriam Turner, office manager at St. Matthew's, said the church is already set to embark on another mission trip, this time to Long Beach, Miss., from Oct. 12-18 to aid in the recovery effort for the town that is still struggling to get back on its feet three years after Hurricane Katrina tore through.

While the missions are very rewarding to the people giving aid and support, the missionaries from St. Matthew's Episcopal never lose sight of the true reason why they are there: to give to others.

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Front row, from right, Jill Gruver of Philomont, Westmoreland Davis Memorial Foundation Inc. trustee; Stephanie Sweitzer of Leesburg; Eric Nguyen of Sterling; Caitrin Dwyer of Ashburn; Sanam Shahid of South Riding, and Will O'Keefe, UVA '70, executive director of Morven Park. Back row, Zhengyu "Brandon" Wang of Stone Ridge; Jeffrey Geiger of Sterling; and Elizabeth Stevens of Leesburg.

## Westmoreland Scholars

Recipients of the 2008 Westmoreland Davis Memorial Foundation Scholarships to the University of Virginia and their parents attended a reception in their honor at Morven Park Aug. 19. Each student had been selected to receive a \$2,000 scholarship, provided by the Westmoreland Davis Memorial Foundation Inc. and administered by the University of Virginia Alumni Association. In keeping with its educational mission, the foundation has been awarding scholarships to incoming UVA students since the 1960s. Westmoreland Davis was governor of Virginia from 1918-1922 and a graduate of UVA.

## PEOPLE

The following area **Virginia Tech students** were among those honored at the university's spring commencement ceremony held May 9: Shari Baloch, Samuel Beneck, Matthew Brubaker, Elizabeth Dye, Paul Geiger, Warren Glismann, Lisa Gunderman, Nasser Hamidi, Safia Jamil, Margaret Pruden, Vladimir Smirnov, Zachary Williams, Zachary Williams, Christian Zoeller, Andrew Augustin, Monica Bass, Albert Bjork, Caroline Black, Douglas Brenner, Michael Diaz, Margaret Feldman, Amanda Halsey, Ashley Hartle, Kristin Hendershot, Kimberly Hollmann, Lisa Kaiser, Taylor Lugar, Erik Reeves, Morgan Rezac, Katherine Runco, Nicole Shaffer, Christopher

Jones and Emily Williams.

Army Reserve Capt. **RC Chao**, Sterling High School class of 1993, has been mobilized and activated for an overseas deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Chao, who graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1997, will be aiding in the security, stabilization and rebuilding of Iraq and its infrastructure.

The Loudoun affiliate of Habitat International recently elected its new board members, increasing the board from 18 to 20 members, and electing a new executive board. The newly elected president, **Alta Jones**, previously served as board's vice president and also currently heads the finance committee. Jones has held executive positions in the financial services industry and is currently a business consultant partner with Hilltop Advisors. She also serves on the Virginia state Habitat board.

Joining Jones are **Tom Grannas**, vice president and a partner with Charron Consulting; **George Rose**, treasurer and founder of Land Design Financials; **Dave Boyd**, secretary, member of the Loudoun's Housing Advisory Board and director of BNI Northern Virginia; **Pamela McGraw**, family selection chair, nonprofit representative for Loudoun's Affordable Dwelling Unit Advisory Board and employed by IDI Group Companies and **Bud Green**, head of construction and past LHFH president.

## BUSINESS NOTES

Send announcements or events, which are open to the public at no or minimal cost, to *The Loudoun Connection*, 7913 Westpark Drive, McLean, VA 22102 or e-mail [loudoun@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:loudoun@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Friday, two weeks before the event. Photos/artwork encouraged. For more information, call 703-917-6454.

**Chick-fil-A** at Sugarland Crossing shopping center will be holding a We Remember event, **Sept. 11**, 5-8 p.m. A community Patriot Day fund-raiser to honor our public safety personnel, benefiting the Sterling Volunteer Fire Company and Sterling Volunteer Rescue Squad. Includes balloon artist for the children and music from local high school classical guitarists and bands.

The **Loudoun Gymnastics Center**, 21586 Atlantic Boulevard, Sterling, is supporting the Children's Miracle Network by hosting an open gym play time, Saturday, **Sept. 13**, from 1-3 p.m., for a donation of \$5 per child at the door. Includes door prizes donated by various local businesses and opportunities to bounce on trampolines, jump into the foam pit and swing on the trapeze. Call 703-444-9298 or visit [www.LoudounGymnastics.com](http://www.LoudounGymnastics.com).

The **Committee for Dulles** presents an update on the state of the aviation industry, Thursday, **Sept. 18**, at 11:30 a.m., at the Hyatt Dulles, 2300 Dulles Corner Blvd., Dulles. Features James C. May, president and CEO of Air Transport Association of America. Reservations required by **Sept. 15**. Cost: \$45 in advance, \$50 at the door for members; \$55 in advance, \$60 at the door for nonmembers. Call CFD office at 703-430-8749.

**WFN Strategies** of Sterling was selected by Shell to participate in its Supplier Diversity Management System, a database sourcing tool, which identifies diverse companies that are capable of providing products and services necessary to meet its growing supply chain needs. As such, WFN Strategies has been selected as a service provider of telecomm engineering support for terrestrial and offshore systems.

### NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF A TRANSMISSION LINE AND SUBSTATION IN LOUDOUN COUNTY, VIRGINIA CASE NO. PUE-2008-00063

On July 21, 2008, Virginia Electric and Power Company ("Dominion Virginia Power" or "Company") filed with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate a double-circuit 230 kV underground transmission line and an associated substation in Loudoun County, Virginia. Prepared testimony, exhibits, copies of correspondence, and other material were attached to the application.

Dominion Virginia Power proposes to construct: (a) a double-circuit 230 kV underground transmission line approximately 0.71 mile long from a proposed expansion of the Company's existing Beaumeade Substation to (b) a new 230-34.5 kV substation ("NIVO Substation") constructed on land owned by DuPont Fabros Technology, Inc. ("DuPont Fabros") (collectively, the "Project"). The proposed transmission line will be built primarily on a combination of existing Company right-of-way within the Washington & Old Dominion Railroad Regional Park ("W&OD Trail") and existing Virginia Department of Transportation ("VDOT") right-of-way along Smith Switch Road, south of Beaumeade Substation.

According to the Company, the purpose of the project is to serve additional load at a data center owned by DuPont Fabros in Ashburn, Virginia.

A description of the route for the proposed transmission line follows:

The Proposed Route begins at a proposed expansion of Beaumeade Substation. The route heads south, enters the W&OD Trail property and continues for approximately 0.20 mile to the intersection of the W&OD Trail with Smith Switch Road. The route then follows within the right-of-way of Smith Switch Road southward for approximately 0.33 mile until it turns east and enters the property located at 21362 Smith Switch Road, Ashburn, VA 20147 and the proposed NIVO Substation.

The total length of the Proposed Route is approximately 0.71 mile.

The Alternate Route begins at a proposed expansion of the Beaumeade Substation. The Alternate Route crosses the W&OD Trail property and then enters the property located at 44590 Guilford Drive, Ashburn, VA 20147 and continues for approximately 0.24 mile. The Alternate Route then enters onto the property located at 21362 Smith Switch Road, Ashburn, VA 20147 and the proposed NIVO Substation.

The total length of the Alternate Route is approximately 0.33 mile.

All distances and directions are approximate. A sketch map of the proposed and alternate routes accompanies this notice. The Commission may consider a route not significantly different from the route described in this notice without additional notice to the public.

The Company's application, Commission Orders, and all documents filed in Case No. PUE-2008-00063 may be inspected in the Commission's Document Control Center, Office of the Clerk of the Commission, First Floor, Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, during Commission business hours. The application, unofficial text of the Commission's Orders, and other materials in Case No. PUE-2008-00063 may be viewed at the Commission's website: [www.scc.virginia.gov/case](http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case).

Copies of the application and other supporting materials may also be inspected during regular business hours at the following locations:

Dominion Virginia Power  
Riverside Building, 5th Floor  
120 Tredegar Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Attn: Courtney R. Fisher

Loudoun County Government Building  
1 Harrison Street, S.E. - 5th Floor  
Leesburg, Virginia 20175  
Attention: Mr. Kirby M. Bowers, County Administrator



Comments may be submitted in writing, on or before January 26, 2009, to the Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. Diskettes, compact disks, or any other form of electronic storage medium may not be filed with comments. All correspondence shall refer to Case No. PUE-2008-00063.

OR

Comments may be submitted electronically, on or before January 26, 2009, by following the instructions available at the Commission's website: [www.scc.virginia.gov/case](http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case).

Persons commenting electronically need not file comments in writing with the Clerk.

A public hearing on the application shall be held at 10:00 a.m. on January 26, 2009, in the Commission's Courtroom, Second Floor, Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, to receive the testimony of public witnesses and the evidence of the Company, any respondents, and the Staff.

On or before October 24, 2008, any person or entity may file with the Commission Clerk, at the mailing address provided in Ordering Paragraph (4) A, an original and fifteen (15) copies of a notice of participation as a respondent as required by the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules of Practice"), 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, Participation as a respondent. A copy shall simultaneously be served on counsel to the Company, Lisa S. Booth, Esquire, Dominion Resources Services, Inc., 120 Tredegar Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219. The notice of participation shall be filed and served as required by the Rules of Practice, 5 VAC 5-20-140, Filing and service, and 5 VAC 5-20-150, Copies and format. Any organization, corporation, or government body participating as a respondent must be represented by counsel as required by the Rules of Practice, 5 VAC 5-20-30, Counsel.

On or before November 17, 2008, each respondent may file with the Commission Clerk an original and fifteen (15) copies of the testimony and exhibits by which it expects to establish its case and serve a copy of the testimony and exhibits on all other parties in this case. Respondents shall comply with the Rules of Practice, 5 VAC 5-20-140, Filing and service, 5 VAC 5-20-150, Copies and format, and 5 VAC 5-20-240, Prepared testimony and exhibits.

The Commission's Rules of Practice, the unofficial version of the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, and other information may be viewed at [www.scc.virginia.gov/case](http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case).

# Pilot Program Could Expand

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cas of Sterling Park with the highest number of complaints being filed by residents.

At the end of the year, all 204 property owners on the two roads received letters telling them about the new program and listing the violations that would be cited, including structures being built without permits, unlicensed businesses being run out of homes, residential overcrowding and inoperable, commercial or recreational vehicles on residential properties. Property owners were invited to two meetings on the subject, one in Spanish and the other in English, and inspections started in early February.

"A lot of corrections were made without you having to lift a finger or a complaint being registered," Sterling District Supervisor Eugene Delgaudio (R) said to Keith Fairfax, the enforcement program manager, at last Tuesday's meeting.

Fairfax agreed, saying he thought the mailings were the most effective part of the program.

**ASKED BY** Supervisor Sally Kurtz (D-Catoctin) what the program cost, Fairfax said an initial, "elementary and crude" estimate would put the price at about \$9,000. "That sounds a little cheaper than I thought it would be," Kurtz said.

Supervisor Susan Klimek Buckley (D-Sugarland Run) observed that zoning staff had received 160 complaints of residential overcrowding countywide during the time the program was being conducted and wondered how many cases had been detected.

Fairfax said staff had pursued three cases. "To be honest, it's hard to determine from the outside if a house is in fact suffering from residential overcrowding," he said.

Buckley said she had heard often enough "that there's a disconnect between what you all find and what residents are telling us" and that she hoped to discuss overcrowding enforcement further during the eastern Loudoun community planning process.

Chairman Scott York (I-at large) recalled that Fairfax had approached the previous board to ask for more personnel dedicated to enforcing Overcrowding rules and he asked Fairfax if staff shortages were an issue. One and a half full-time positions are currently dedicated to overcrowding enforcement.

"I did appear before you in November and asked you to supplement that, but that's a conversation for another day," Fairfax said, adding that he had pulled other members of the inspection team for overcrowding cases when necessary.

The staff report also acknowledged that many of the concerns raised by Sterling residents during the suburban community planning process, such as tall grass, cars parked on lawns, accumulation of trash and abandoned personal property, are not covered by the zoning ordinance, although an amendment addressing vehicles on lawns

is pending.

In a separate interview, Fairfax said all nine of his office's employees were involved in the effort, while they were also fielding complaints from all over the county.

More than half of the complaints received during those months came from the Sterling District, according to the staff report.

"We physically went to each address on those two streets and cited those violations that we found," he said, adding that at least one zoning employee was in the target area every day.

**STAFF ISSUED** 34 notices of violation through the program and \$1,800

in civil penalties, \$400 of which have been paid, according to the report.

On the whole, he said, "We really didn't see any obvious issues that would indicate overcrowding." Fairfax said residents in the three overcrowding cases that had been pursued during the trial period — none of which were associated with the pilot program — had allowed staff into their homes, but he said he wasn't sure whether any had been found to be in violation.

He said he hadn't spoken with any of the supervisors about what the pilot program might lead to, but he added, "I think it's one of those to-be-continued things."

"The next step would be something I put

together using the existing budget," Delgaudio said. He said this would likely include zoning enforcement staff taking on another two streets next year, while he thought his own staff could patrol two streets as well. "Because the moral of the story, and the theme of the report, was that corrections took place when staff had meetings and sent out a letter and showed that they mean business," he said.

Delgaudio said there was some sense of cooperation on the matter of proactive zoning enforcement between himself, Supervisors Buckley and Andrea McGimsey (D-Potomac) and York and that he might work with Buckley's and McGimsey's offices to include streets in their districts in a future program.

Although money is tight, he said, the county could possibly add one or two people to the zoning enforcement staff, since new zoning ordinances were being created, but he said he did not see the staff growing beyond that in the near future. "The desire is there, but the money is not," Delgaudio said. He said he wanted to "establish a direction that must continue" for neighborhoods in eastern Loudoun and for enforcement "because when money becomes available, we have to go out and do it for the sake of preserving the county." Without making some expenditure to clean up neighborhoods, he said, the county would continue to lose revenue due to foreclosures and falling assessments.

Delgaudio said the next steps would be planned sometime after the Board of Supervisors tours Sterling, an event that is yet to be scheduled.

**"When money becomes available, we have to go out and do it for the sake of preserving the county."**

— Supervisor Eugene Delgaudio (R-Sterling)

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The **Osher Lifelong Learning Institute** is hosting an open house Wednesday, **Sept. 10**, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., at George Mason University Loudoun Campus, 21641 Ridgetop Circle, Ster-

ling. Includes coffee and cookies and a chance to meet course leaders and learn about fall classes. Call 703-993-4488 or visit [www.ollu.gmu.edu](http://www.ollu.gmu.edu).

The Claude Moore Community Center, 46111 Loudoun Park Lane, Sterling, is offering **Handwriting without Tears** summer camp for ages 3-6; Printing Success for ages 6-7; and Get Crackin with Cursive for ages 8 and up, Mondays-Fridays for two hours. Cost: \$150 plus \$10 supply fee. Call 571-258-3500 for dates and times.

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# OPINION

## Our Neighbors Are Struggling

Whether or not you call it a recession, more families in Northern Virginia are seeking help with food, medicine, housing and more.

Two years ago, a busy day at Share's food pantry in McLean meant serving about seven families. Last Wednesday, 21 families showed up for food, writes Connection reporter Mike DiCicco.

In fact, demand for food from Share continues to rise, with a 20 percent increase between July and August of this year.

Meanwhile, funds for Share's family assistance program are going almost entirely toward warding off evictions and utility shut-offs, with some money paying for medications. In the last fiscal year, Share spent more than \$102,000 on family assistance, up 50 percent from the previous fiscal year.

Nonprofits that help the needy in Northern Virginia are seeing a dramatic increase in demand, needy families and individual finding their way to food pantries to stave off hunger, seeking help to acquire school supplies for their children, needing money to forestall an eviction or having the phone or electricity in their home turned off.

"People used to come here for food. Now

they're coming for everything," Therese Dyer-Caplan of Share said.

Northern Virginia's economy is buffered by the presence of the federal government and the many private contractors that earn billions of dollars a year in government business. But the downturn has arrived, as local governments well know, with the drop in home values squeezing local budgets.

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### Help

Here is a partial listing of local organizations that help the needy, every one is facing intense and increasing demand for services.

- ❖ Loudoun Interfaith Relief, 750 Miller Drive, Suite A-1, Leesburg. Call 703-777-5911 or visit [www.interfaithrelief.org](http://www.interfaithrelief.org).
- ❖ Salvation Army of Loudoun County, 12 Cardinal Park Drive, Leesburg. Call 703-771-337.
- ❖ The Good Shepherd Alliance Inc., 20684 Ashburn Road, Ashburn, 703-724-1555.
- ❖ Catholic Charities, 100 Dry Mill Road, S.W., Leesburg. Call 703-443-2481 or visit [www.ccca.net](http://www.ccca.net).
- ❖ LINK Inc., P.O. Box 443, Sterling. Call 703-437-1776.
- ❖ Loudoun Habitat for Humanity, 109 Harrison St., N.E., Leesburg. Mailing address: P.O. Box 28, Leesburg, VA 20178. Call 540-751-2244 or e-mail [loudounhabitat@earthlink.net](mailto:loudounhabitat@earthlink.net).
- ❖ United Way, 10-B South King St., Leesburg. Call 703-777-3920 or e-mail [loudoun@uwnc.org](mailto:loudoun@uwnc.org).
- ❖ Area Agency on Aging, 215 Depot Court, S.E., Leesburg. Call 703-777-0257.
- ❖ ECHO (Every Citizen Has Opportunities), 71 Lawson Road, S.E., Leesburg. Call 703-779-2100.

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Learn about the **Master Gardener Volunteer Program** and the requirements for becoming a Virginia Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Volunteer, **Sept. 15**, 6 p.m., at the Loudoun Extension Office, 30 Catocin Circle, S.E., Suite B, Leesburg. Free. Contact Debbie Dillion at 703-771-5838 or [ddillion@vt.edu](mailto:ddillion@vt.edu).

The Northern Virginia **Long-Term Care Ombudsman** Program is looking for volunteer advocates, who are assigned to a specific local nursing home or assisted-living facility in Loudoun County and make weekly visits, meeting one-on-one with residents. Applicants must be available to volunteer four hours per week, primarily during regular business hours. Also, volunteer ombudsmen must not be employed by a long-term care facility. Interviews of applicants will be held this summer in preparation for the next annual training, scheduled for **Sept. 15, 16 and 26**, from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., each day. Call 703-324-5422, TTY: 703-449-1186 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/LTCOmbudsman](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/LTCOmbudsman).

The Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, is looking for teens who love to read for its **Teen Reading Buddies** program Mondays, **Sept. 22, 29, Oct. 6, 20 and 27**, at 4:30 p.m. Call 703-777-0368.

The Loudoun Museum is seeking a number of dedicated volunteers for this

year's 17th annual **Hauntings** event. Each year, costumed guides lead visitors through downtown Leesburg's historic, and reportedly haunted, sites. This year's walking tours will be Friday, **Oct. 24** and Saturday, **Oct. 25**, from 6-10 p.m. The museum needs volunteers in all areas of the event including ticket sales, tour guides, storytellers and museum visitor services help. Call Beth Friedmann, museum administrator, at 703-777-7427 or e-mail [bfriedmann@loudounmuseum.org](mailto:bfriedmann@loudounmuseum.org).

**Loudoun County Public Library** offers county residents various volunteer opportunities throughout the year. Volunteers work at many different tasks that enable the library to provide better service to the community.

Teens are welcome and encouraged to participate.

For more information about volunteering, call or e-mail Beth Wiseman at Library Administration 703-777-0368 V/TTY, [Beth.Wiseman@loudoun.gov](mailto:Beth.Wiseman@loudoun.gov) or ask at your local branch.

There are opportunities for people to serve on various county and regional **advisory boards, commissions and committees**.

For information about specific vacancies, contact Rosey Rai, county administration, 703-771-5034 or by e-mail at [Rosey.Rai@loudoun.gov](mailto:Rosey.Rai@loudoun.gov).

Information about each board, committee and commission is available on the Loudoun County Government Web site at [www.loudoun.gov/advisory](http://www.loudoun.gov/advisory).



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**4:35 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 6, Belmont Ridge Road, Ashburn. Nicholas Graham took this photo during Tropical Storm Hanna. He e-mailed: "I had just made the turn onto Belmont Ridge Road from Route 7, heading south, when a large tree came crashing down right in front of the car, about 15 feet, in which I was riding with my 7-year-old son, Connor. A few seconds more and we'd likely been hit pretty hard. I called the Loudoun Sheriff's Office and they were on the scene in a matter of minutes. The tree caught some power lines and the road was shut down. We're thankful it was just a 'close shave' and nothing more."**

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All Loudoun County elementary schools will have representatives from the **Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts** available **Sept. 10, 11 or 17**, at 7 p.m. Representatives will be available to register Cub Scouts in first through fifth grades and Boy Scouts, ages 11-17 to join the Scouting programs. Visit <http://www.goosecreekdistrict.org> or [www.boyscouts-ncac.org](http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org) or [www.joincubscouting.org](http://www.joincubscouting.org).

**After-school book break** children's book club, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls, Wednesdays, **September and October**, at 4 p.m. Read books by the author of the month and do fun activities. September: Stink series by Megan McDonald and October: Fudge series by Judy Blume. Recommended for ages 6-8.

**Girl Scouts** will be holding an open house, **Sept. 21**, from 2-5 p.m., at the Cascades Library, 21060 Whitfield Place, Sterling. Learn about the Scouts program.

**Non-fiction book club** for ages 6-8 meets Monday, **Sept. 22**, 4 p.m., at Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. The selection is "Go, Go America" by Dan Yaccarino. Call 703-444-3228.

**Adventures in Reading**, book club for 8- to 12-year-olds, Mondays, 4 p.m., **Sept. 22 and Oct. 27**, Sterling Library, 120 Enterprise St., Sterling.

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WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 10

**LEAP MEETING.** 7:30 p.m., Loudoun County Public School Administration Building, 12000 Education Court, Ashburn. Loudoun Education Alliance of Parents meeting topic: **After-School-An Enriching Experience**, hear from LCPS staff and other LEAP delegates about after-school program opportunities. Members of the community are also always welcome to attend. E-mail [Leap.news@gmail.com](mailto:Leap.news@gmail.com) or visit [www.loudoun.k12.va.us](http://www.loudoun.k12.va.us), go to Parents section, then LEAP.

THURSDAY/ SEPT. 11  
MIDDLE-SCHOOL BOOK GROUP. 7

p.m., Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. Includes a book discussion and refreshments. September: "Nothing But the Truth" by Avi. Call 703-737-8100.

**ADULT BOOK CLUB.** 10 a.m., Sterling Library, 120 Enterprise St. "Pope Joan" by Donna Woolfolk Cross. Call 703-430-9500.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 12

**COUNTRYSIDE WOMEN'S CLUB.** 9:30 a.m., at the Parkside Pool Meeting Room, 46020 Algonkian Parkway, CountrySide. Vivienne Sivak will give an illustrated talk about her recent trip to South Africa and Zimbabwe. Call Allyson at 703-404-1083.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 13

**MOTHER'S OF MULTIPLES.** 9 a.m.-noon, at Countryside Elementary School in Sterling. The Loudoun Fairfax Mothers of Multiples will hold its annual fall children's consignment sale. Includes children's toys, equipment, strollers, beds, highchairs, fall/winter clothing, maternity clothing and more in good, clean condition. Visit [www.lfmomc.net](http://www.lfmomc.net).

**RURITAN CLUB.** 8 a.m.-noon, 183 Ruritan Road, Sterling. Community flea market. Spaces \$15, need a table \$5. Refreshment stand will be open. Call 703-444-6039. Flea market will be the second Saturday of each month.

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# Keeping Track of the Weather

## Weather Watcher Scott Randall of Centreville follows the storms.

BY STEVE HIBBARD  
THE CONNECTION

**T**homas Jefferson did it. Benjamin Franklin did it. George Washington did it. And with hurricanes Gustav, Hanna and Ike, there's one meteorologist doing it here locally.

Scott Randall, 50, of Centreville, is a trained weather observer and life-long weather hobbyist who monitors the skies. Using his Skywarn Observer call number is FXW106, as a weather spotter, he reports data to the National Weather Service in Sterling and provides reports to meteorologists.

"This is a solitary thing that I get pleasure out of. It belongs to me. This is sort of like my escape," Randall said.

The role of the 2,000 local weather spotters is to be the eyes of the National Weather Service. When he spots, say a funnel cloud or a tornado, he calls or e-mails data to the Skywarn Observer program. They verify it with their radar and then issue warnings.

Because the metropolitan area is so vast in size, "It could rain 2 inches here in Centreville, and in Chantilly it could be dry," he said. "At Reagan National Airport, it could be 38 degrees and here you could have ice."

**RANDALL ALSO** sends temperature and precipitation data to Brian Smith of Oxon Hill, Md., an editor of the Washington Baltimore Climate Review Network, once a month. "He's reliable. The data appears to be quite useful for that part of the network area," said Smith, who does a monthly summary of the information.

In his back yard, he has a lightning detection system, an electronic rain gauge, an anemometer that measures wind speed, several different thermometers and wireless transmitting thermometers as backups. Upstairs, he has his own weather

station. He enjoys the scientific aspect of being able to measure things precisely. "If it rains an inch, it's an inch. There's no debate."

Using computer spread sheets, Randall keeps track of highs and lows in temperature and precipitation. "You're kind of giving a ground verification, a validation," he said. He sends data to the Cooperative Weather Observer, which keeps track of it. This data is also used by insurance companies, for example, when a hail storm causes damage to cars and homes. They want to see the evidence of the storm.

One time Randall was in Glory Days Grille and saw a tornado on television with two funnels heading toward Centreville. He spotted it and called it in. Another time he noticed ice on his way home from work. The temperature had shot down to 24 degrees, so he called in



PHOTO BY STEVE HIBBARD/THE CONNECTION

**Scott Randall holds a lightning detector and electronic rain gauge.**

weather as docile compared to other parts of the country. The average temperature here is 56 degrees. "It's fairly hot in the summer and the winters are pretty mild," he said. "Occasionally we get some heavy snows."

"Weather's pretty consistent here. It always snows the ninth or 10th of December around here."

He follows local television meteorologists like Topper Shutt, Doug Hill, Bob Ryan and Sue Palka and sends them data as well.

"He's a great guy to have when we have severe weather," Topper Shutt, chief meteorologist at Channel 9, said. "That's when we like another pair of eyes."

He adds, "His stuff's reliable. I'm always pretty confident what he tells me is correct."

Overall, he characterizes Centreville's

## New Weather Forecast Office in Sterling

The new NOAA's National Weather Service's new Baltimore/Washington Forecast Office will have its Open House Community Day Oct. 18-19 in Sterling.

This is an opportunity for families and youth groups to tour the local weather forecast office, to meet the staff, find out about local weather vulnerabilities and preparedness tips, and see first-hand how meteorologists develop forecasts and severe weather warnings and deliver them to the public.

The event will be held Saturday, Oct. 18, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, Oct. 19, from noon to 5 p.m.

The building is located at 43858 Weather Service Road — off Old Ox Road, adjacent to Dulles Airport — Sterling.

♦ See demonstrations of cutting-edge technology and techniques used in weather forecasting;

♦ Take a tour of the facility, including upgraded "green" features of the new building;

♦ Visit exhibits by local emergency managers;

♦ Participate in weather balloon launches;

♦ Meet and greet the office's 25 staff members;

♦ Walk into a heating chamber to feel a 130-degree environment;

♦ Watch as the "world's tallest icicle" forms in a cold chamber;

♦ Visit NOAA's testing and evaluation center to see how the agency tests its products for durability against a number of atmospheric conditions;

The Baltimore/Washington Weather Forecast Office, one of 122 in the United States, issues weather and water forecasts, watches and warnings to nearly 9 million people in the Washington, D.C., metro area. The office is relocating one-half mile to make way for Dulles airport's runway expansion.

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**Tuscarora Mill**, 203 Harrison St., Leesburg, is hosting the Stone Brewery Beer Dinner Wednesday, **Sept. 10**, 7 p.m. Includes an evening of Tuskie's cuisine paired with the beers of Stone Brewery. Admission fee TBA. Visit [www.tuskies.com](http://www.tuskies.com).

Wine country bus tours to **Corcoran Vineyards and Willowcroft Farm Vineyards**, Saturday, **Sept. 13**. The Washington Wine Academy, in conjunction with Reston Limousine, offers winery tours. There are three pick-up locations and gourmet boxed lunch options. Cost: \$35 per person, \$50 per person with lunch. Call 703-478-0500, Ext. 1 or visit [www.washingtonwineacademy.org/wine-tours.htm#Tour1](http://www.washingtonwineacademy.org/wine-tours.htm#Tour1).

**Dog Daze**, Sunday, **Sept. 14**, 2-5 p.m., Willowcroft Farm Vineyards, 38906 Mt. Gilead Road, Leesburg. Visitors are encouraged to bring their dogs. Features outdoor wine tastings, gourmet dog biscuits and bandannas for pets. Free. Call 703-777-8161 or visit <http://www.willowcroftwine.com>.

Wine country bus tours to **Swedenburg Estate Vineyard and Winery at LaGrange**, Sunday, **Sept. 14**. The Washington Wine Academy, in conjunction with Reston Limousine, offers winery tours. There are three pick-up locations and gourmet boxed lunch options. Cost: \$35 per person, \$50 per person with lunch. Call 703-478-0500, Ext. 1 or visit [www.washingtonwineacademy.org/wine-tours.htm#Tour1](http://www.washingtonwineacademy.org/wine-tours.htm#Tour1).

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**Medlin Art Gallery** in Leesburg will host its 8th Annual "Students of Margaret Meade" Art Show, through **Sept. 13**. Forty-two students had their artwork chosen for this year's show. Mediums include watercolor, acrylic, pastel, colored pencil, charcoal and pen & ink.

Among the many students is Terra Chapman, 18, whose mixed media painting, "Angelica," was selected as Best of Show. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Tuesdays-Saturdays.

**Alfred McAdams'** exhibit, "D.C. Metro," is on display at the George Washington Virginia Campus First Floor Gallery **through Dec. 30**. A reception celebrating his art is scheduled Thursday, **Sept. 18**, from 6-8 p.m. The First Floor Gallery is located in Building 2 on the GW Virginia Campus, 44983 Knoll Square, Ashburn. Free and open to the public. Call 703-726-3650.

**Sarah Huntington's** exhibit, "In Their Own Voices," is on display at the George Washington Virginia Campus Entrance Gallery. An artist reception is scheduled Thursday, **Sept. 18**, from 6-8 p.m. The Entrance Gallery is located in Building 2 at the GW Virginia Campus, 44983 Knoll Square, Ashburn. Free and open to the public. Call 703-726-3650.

**Art exhibitions** at local libraries

**throughout September and October** include at Ashburn Library, world photography by Dean Villanueva and at Cascades Library, photography by Mary Kaye Mason.

Gallery Two at 222 will host a special exhibit of paintings by artist Helen Wiegand titled **Spiritual Relatives through Sept. 26**. Wiegand's work focuses on figurative forms and their relationships to one another.

Gallery two is co-located with Gallery 222 at 222 South King St., Leesburg. Both galleries are components of the Loudoun Academy of the Arts Foundation, a 501(c)3 Visual Arts Center which offers fine art instruction, gallery exhibitions and studio space for working artists. The galleries are open Mondays-Saturdays, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and by appointment. Visit [www.gallery222.com](http://www.gallery222.com)

or call 703-777-5498.

**Get Real!**, a show of realism featuring original paintings and drawings by Loudoun artists at Gallery 222, 222 South King St., Leesburg, continues **through Sept. 27**.

Get Real! showcases artwork by Conor Backman, Tim Chambers, Michael Davis, Jonathan Linton, Sarita Moffat, Ann Noel, Sherry Sanabria Kurt Schwarz, Libby Stevens, Jeffery Stockberger, Dana Thompson and Dan Williams.

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# CALENDAR

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## WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 10

**EXPLORE NATURE.** 10-11:30 a.m., Rust Nature Sanctuary, 802 Children's Center Road, Leesburg. Adults and older children are invited to explore the sanctuary's meadows, forests and wetlands for free. Visit [www.audubonnaturalist.org](http://www.audubonnaturalist.org).

## THURSDAY/SEPT. 11

**CASINO TRIP.** The Senior Center at Cascades Marketplace, 21060 Whitfield Place, will take a trip to Charles Town, W.Va. Includes slots and simulcast horse racing; lunch on own. Cost: \$8 for members, \$10 for nonmembers, includes transportation and \$5 cash back, subject to change. Minimum walking. Call 703-430-2397 for departure and return times and locations.

**DAZZLING DRAGONFLIES.** 9:30-11 a.m. or 12:30-2 p.m., Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road, Sterling. Ages 3-6. Can you "fly" forwards, backwards and hover like dragonflies do? Look through a dragonfly's "eye" and make a dragonfly to take home. Cost: \$10.50 per child. Call 571-258-3700.

**FROGSHACKLE OPEN HOUSE.** 2:30-3:30 p.m., Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road, Sterling. All ages. Discover a treasure trove of objects from nature. No registration is required. Free event. Call 571-258-3700.

**9-11 OBSERVANCE.** 7 p.m., Town Green, 25 West Market St., Leesburg. The ceremony includes messages from Kristen Umstattd, mayor of Leesburg, and Joseph Price, chief of police. In addition, the town's Freedom Memorial at Freedom Park, 101 Granada Circle, will be open, from 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m., for those wishing to pay their respects individually. Both events are free, open to the public and will be held rain or shine. Contact the Town of Leesburg's Parks and Recreation Department, 703-777-1368.

## FRIDAY/SEPT. 12

**MUSEUMS TRIP.** The Senior Center at Cascades Marketplace, 21060 Whitfield Place, will take a trip to Bowie, Md., to tour the Radio and Television and the 1745 Georgian-style Belair Mansion museums; lunch on own at food court or bring bag lunch. Cost: \$11 for members, \$13 for nonmembers, includes transportation with free tours, donations at sites optional. Extensive walking. Call 703-430-2397 for departure and return times and locations.

**BROADLANDS LIVE.** 5:30-9:30 p.m., Hillside Park at the Old Stone House, 42935 Waxpool Road. Features Bad Luck, 5:30-6:30 p.m.; Scott's New Band, 7-9:30 p.m. Visit [www.broadlandshoa.org](http://www.broadlandshoa.org).

**TEEN CENTER.** 7-10 p.m., After-Hours Teen Center, Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. Features gamer night. All teens attending the teen center must have a permission slip, signed by a parent or guardian, on file. Download the permission slip at <http://library.loudoun.gov> go to Teen Scene, Events, Hanging Out Rocks. For middle schoolers.

**FROM SWANN'S CASTLE** to Governor's Mansion: Exploring an Old Southern Estate. 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Morven Park, 17263 Southern

Planter Lane, Leesburg. Learn Morven Park's history from 19th century plantation to early 20th century hunt country estate and working farm. Guided tours include exhibits, carriage collection, Confederate huts and outdoor walk around property. Cost: adults \$5, children \$1. Meet at Coach House Visitors Center. Call 703-777-6034.

**TODDLER ONE & TWO.** 11 a.m., Rust@Catocin Library, 34D Catocin Circle, Leesburg. Stories, rhymes and movement for toddlers on the go. Ages 12-24 months with parent/caregiver. Register online at <http://library.loudoun.gov> or phone 703-777-0323.

**BABYPACKING.** 9:30-10:15 a.m., Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road, Sterling. Ages 6 months-1 year. Enjoy a fall walk outdoors with baby as a naturalist leads the group on a nature adventure. No unregistered siblings. Cost: \$5.25. 571-258-3700.

**NATURE BUDDIES.** 10:45-11:30 a.m., Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road, Sterling. Age 2. Toddlers explore nature with an adult. Discover the trees, birds and ponds of the park while focusing on turtles. No unregistered siblings. Cost: \$5.25. 571-258-3700.

## Senior Olympics

The Northern Virginia Senior Olympics, the competition for senior adults 50 years of age and over, will be Sept. 20-Oct. 2. More than 20 events will take place during the 10-day competition at various venues. Visit [www.novaseniolympics.com](http://www.novaseniolympics.com) for a complete schedule.

**TWILIGHT EXPLORATION AND CAMPFIRE.** 7-9 p.m., Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road, Sterling. All ages. Take an early evening walk then hear Native American stories and songs around the campfire. Bring toasting sticks. Marshmallows will be provided for toasting. Cost: \$5. 571-258-3700.

## SATURDAY/SEPT. 13

**FLICKS IN THE STICKS.** 8:15 p.m., at the Nature Center, Broadlands. Bring a picnic dinner; free popcorn and drinks available. Movies begin shortly after sundown, time listed is an estimate. For movie details visit [www.broadlandshoa.org](http://www.broadlandshoa.org). Rated PG, 92 minutes.

**1918: A LIVING HISTORY PROGRAM** on World War I and The Home Front. 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Morven Park, 17263 Southern Planter Lane, Leesburg. Travel back in time to life during the Great War as experienced by World War I-era Virginia Gov. and Mrs. Westmoreland Davis, as portrayed by living history interpreters. Cost: \$5 adults, \$1 children 6-12, free for children under 6. Call 703-777-6034 or visit <http://www.morvenpark.org>.

**SOUNDS OF SUMMER.** 6-9:30 p.m., gate opens at 5 p.m., Tarara Winery, 13648 Tarara Lane, Leesburg. Features Melanie Mason. Cost: \$15 at the gate, \$10 in advance, free for children 6 and under. Call 703-771-7100 or visit [www.tarara.com](http://www.tarara.com).

**PADDLE AND WINE TOUR.** 2-9:30 p.m., Tarara Winery, 13648 Tarara Lane, Leesburg. Go on a guided canoe trip on the Potomac River followed by a private wine tasting and the winery's Sounds of Summer evening concert. Cost: \$95 per person, \$85 per person under 21. Visit [www.tarara.com](http://www.tarara.com).

**BIRDING BANSHEE.** 8 a.m., Banshee Reeks Nature Preserve, located



The Good Shepherd Alliance holds its annual Walk for the Homeless, Sept. 20.

between The Woods Road and Goose Creek. Join the Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy and the Friends of Banshee Reeks at the monthly bird walk. Bring binoculars. Contact Joe Coleman at 540-554-2542 or [jcoleman@loudounwildlife.org](mailto:jcoleman@loudounwildlife.org).

**BEADED JEWELRY MAKING.** 2 p.m., Sterling Library, 120 Enterprise St., Sterling. Make beaded jewelry for gifts or to wear. Ages 12-18. Register online at <http://library.loudoun.gov> or phone 703-430-9500.

**TEENS HAVE TALENT!** 2 p.m., Rust Library, at Loudoun County Extension Office Program Room, 30B Catocin Circle, Leesburg. Show off your talent at Rust Library's Talent Show. Ages 12-18.

**MUSICAL PERFORMANCE.** 2 p.m., Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. David LaFleur, solo acoustic roots music. All ages.

**LANESVILLE OPEN HOUSE.** 10 a.m.-noon, Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road, Sterling. All ages. Discover the history of this National Register of Historic Places listed property. Free. 571-258-3700.

**COLORS FROM NATURE.** 2-4 p.m., Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road, Sterling. Ages 12 and up. Create plant prints on fabric by pounding freshly gathered plants to release natural pigments. Create a minipillow, sachet or beanbag. Cost: \$14. 571-258-3700.

## SUNDAY/SEPT. 14

**TRAVEL THROUGH TIME** in the Winmill Carriage Collection. 1-4 p.m., Morven Park, 17263 Southern Planter Lane, Leesburg. Take a guided tour through a collection of 19th century horse-drawn vehicles, including coaches, sleighs, carts, buggies and a hearse from the 1800s. Cost: adults \$5, children \$1. Meet at Coach House Visitor Center. Visit [www.morvenpark.org](http://www.morvenpark.org) or call 703-777-6034.

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.** 2-5 p.m., on the Town Green in downtown Leesburg. Town of Leesburg's 250 birthday celebration. Include amusements for children, live entertainment, cake, balloons and party favors. Call Town of Leesburg's Parks and Recreation Department at 703-777-1368 or visit [www.idalee.org](http://www.idalee.org).

## MONDAY/SEPT. 15

**FROM SWANN'S CASTLE** to Governor's Mansion: Exploring an Old Southern Estate. 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Morven Park, 17263 Southern Planter Lane, Leesburg. See the Sept. 12 item for details.

**MEADOW MAGIC.** 9:30-11 a.m. or 12:30-2 p.m., Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road, Sterling. Ages 3-6. What makes a meadow? See flowers, crickets, birds and maybe a turtle while exploring wide-open spaces in the park. Cost: \$10.50. 571-258-3700.

## TUESDAY/SEPT. 16

**TRIVIA AND GAMES.** 4 p.m., Sterling Library, 120 Enterprise St., Sterling. Celebrate Roald Dahl's birthday by testing your knowledge of all things

Dahl with games and trivia. Ages 6-10. Register at <http://library.loudoun.gov> or call 703-430-9500.

## WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 17

**SENIOR MOVIES.** 1:30 p.m., Senior Center at Cascades Marketplace, 21060 Whitfield Place, Sterling. See "Made of Honor," rated PG-13, running time 101 minutes. Cost: \$2 includes popcorn and soda. Call 703-430-2397.

**NATURE WALK.** 9-11 a.m., Algonkian Park, Cascades Parkway, Sterling. Join the Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy on a mid-week, general nature walk at the onset of fall migration. Free. Meet at the parking lot by the pool. Contact Mary Ann Good at 540-338-1901, evenings.

**VIDEO & DISCUSSION.** 7-9 p.m., the Unitarian Universalists of Sterling, 22135 Davis Drive, Sterling. Lecture given by Van Jones, an activist working to combine solutions to two of America's most pressing problems: social inequality and environmental destruction. The lecture was delivered at the General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association in June. There will be discussion and light refreshments after the screening of the video. Contact Shelley Tamres at 703-450-0218 or at [shelleytam@aol.com](mailto:shelleytam@aol.com).

**WHAT EATS WHAT?** 3:30-5 p.m., Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road, Sterling. Ages 6-10. Ever wonder what wildlife eats exactly? Take a trail walk and find out how nature balances this extraordinary dinner table. Cost: \$10.50. 571-258-3700.

## THURSDAY/SEPT. 18

**ERAGON PARTY.** 7 p.m., Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. Celebrate Brisingr's publication with a party; test knowledge of Eragon's and Saphira's world and enter to win prizes. Recommended for teens. Sign up online at [library.loudoun.gov](http://library.loudoun.gov) or call 703-737-8100.

**BILINGUAL STORY TIME.** 4 p.m., Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. A Spanish and English story time presented by Barbara Davila. Recommended for ages 2-6. Check <http://library.loudoun.gov>.

## One Book-One Community

Loudoun County Public Library's One Book-One Community selection "Nothing But the Truth" by Newbery Medalist author, Avi, will be available beginning Thursday, Sept. 11, at all branches of the Loudoun County Public Library. The annual One Book-One Community program is funded by the Irwin Uran Gift Fund.

On Thursday, Sept. 25, at 7 p.m., the Loudoun County Public Library will host a public program featuring Avi at Park View High School, 400 West Laurel Ave., Sterling. Tickets are not required, although seating is limited.

During October, the Loudoun County Public Library will offer a series of book discussions on "Nothing But the Truth" at the library branches and a Reader's Theatre presentation at local branches throughout September and October. Visit <http://library.loudoun.gov> for dates, locations and times.

**2008****Fall/Winter Household Hazardous Waste Schedule**

All Events are on Saturdays 8:30am-2:30pm Loudoun County Residents Only



Date	Location
Sept 27	Stone Bridge High School 43100 Hay Road Ashburn
Oct 18	Harmony Intermediate School 38174 W. Colonial Hwy. Hamilton
Nov 15	Heritage High School 520 Evergreen Mill Road, Leesburg

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### Calendar Listings

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*Name of Event:*

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*Name of the Place Event will Be Held:*

*Address of the Place Event Will Be Held:*

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Please submit your calendar information at least two weeks before your event. Clear photographs from similar previous events are always welcome. All events should be open to the public. We give first priority to free events. Send listings to: Calendar, Connection Publishing, Inc., 7913 Westpark Drive, McLean, VA 22102. Or Fax to 703-917-0991. For more information, call 703-917-6444.

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## FESTIVAL



A scene from last year's Barktoberfest.

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# Barktoberfest Returns

The Sixth-Annual Barktoberfest, the Music and Pet Lovers Festival, will take place Saturday, Sept. 27, from noon to 6 p.m., at the Melodee Music Outdoor Amphitheater in Sterling, located at 46077 Lake Center Plaza, Sterling. The rain date is Sunday, Sept. 28.

The day is filled with live music, treats, games, and dogs and cats for adoption. Admission to the event is free, donations will be gladly accepted and all proceeds will benefit dogs and cats awaiting adoption at FOHA — Friends of Homeless Animals.

Nine live bands will provide tunes to accompany the day, all of which have donated their talents to provide free entertainment at Barktoberfest. Performers include the Mary Ann Redmond Band (rhythm and blues), That's What She Said (rock), Gary and Tom Smallwood (blues rock), Perfect Murphy (classic rock), Jerry Bresee and Friends (folk), Twice Shy (acoustic harmonies), Defaids (Beatles cover band) and Lisa Taylor (rockin' acoustic).

A wide array of silent auction items will prove too

tempting to resist. Taste buds will be satisfied with an assortment of hot food, cold drinks and sweet goodies. People of all ages can play games like "Mutt-Mutt Miniature Golf" and "Touchdown Football." Canine attendees can play games like "Dunkin' Doggies" and "A Dog's Nose Knows," and participate in a costume contest.

And, of course, just a few of FOHA's canines and felines will be in attendance to meet the public — and perhaps even meet their new family.

Who Is Friends of Homeless Animals? FOHA is a nonprofit, no-kill animal rescue organization serving the D.C.-metro region. On a daily basis, FOHA cares for approximately 120 homeless dogs and 50 homeless cats, all awaiting permanent, loving homes. The organization's no-kill philosophy means that no animal is euthanized simply because they are "out of time." In 2007 alone, FOHA placed approximately 500 pets into permanent homes. More about FOHA, including adoption, donation and volunteering opportunities can be found at [www.foha.org](http://www.foha.org). Log onto [www.barktoberfest.org](http://www.barktoberfest.org) or call 703-779-9966

## Weather Watcher Scott Randall

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**AS FAR AS** accuracy, Randall says forecasters can be accurate up to 48 hours. After that, their predictions are 50-50. He said Tom Skilling, a meteorologist at WGN-TV in Chicago, is great, but his favorite is Joe Bastardi from Acuweather, based out of Penn State University. "He's really a maverick," because he does long-range forecasting and modeling. For the best Web site, he prefers [www.acuweather.com](http://www.acuweather.com).

As a child growing up in Toledo, Ohio, he collected hail stones at age 5, freezing and later eating them. The power of severe storms used to fascinate him; he remembers one particular storm on the Fourth of July that produced 20 inches of rain and 80-mph winds. "We had no power for three days," he said.

Randall started collecting weather data on his own and he's tracked it for 45 years since. To prove this, he pointed out that on Nov. 23, 1989, this area had

5.2 inches of snow, with snow on both Thanksgiving and Christmas that year.

He studied sociology at Bolling Green State University, went into the Air Force in Austin for four years and got a master's degree in counseling. Today he works in mental health for Fairfax County.

From that perspective, he said he's interested in how the weather relates to people — how there's less crime when it's cold or when pressure drops, how that causes people to get nervous and anxious.

His neighbor on Waterflow Court, Nancy Musick, said Randall hooked her up with a rain gauge and thermometer on her back fence. "I use him a source," she said. "There was a tornado warning a month ago, and he was outside looking at that funnel-shaped cloud and he's running around the neighborhood telling everybody to get into the house."

She added, "He cares about his neighbors."

**"This is a solitary thing that I get pleasure out of."**

— Scott Randall, weather observer

# Making Community 'Greener'

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mouth. "The word definitely spreads," she said.

However, all is not tips and tidbits at Green Team meetings. Thanks to the group's efforts, Cascades residents will soon have 46-gallon recycle bins with lids and wheels. The Lowes Island and Westlakes community centers now have two bins, one for batteries and one for small electronics, which fill up rapidly and all Cascades community centers now have large recycle bins.

The group organized a home energy audit seminar for next week to educate residents about having their homes inspected for temperature leaks, as well as a Green Expo featuring various eco-friendly technologies in early October. The Fall Festival next month will include a demonstration of a kitchen composting machine and November's community cleanup will be heavily publicized.

Kaczmarskyj said the team is working to get Cascades certified as a wildlife habitat by the National Wildlife Federation. "It turns

out almost all the Green Team members have their yards certified," she added. Also, as of October, she said, the Cascades Current will be printed on recycled paper.

**WHEN THE GROUP** approached Loudoun Water asking for help with water conservation, the company was "ecstatic," Kaczmarskyj said. Loudoun Water now provides the team with statistics comparing water usage in the average Cascades household to the average Loudoun household and giving the number of Cascades homes that use large amounts of water. Results are published in the newsletter.

In the second quarter of 2008, the average Cascades home used 211 gallons of water per day, compared to 298 gallons per day in the second quarter of 2007 and 247 gallons per day used by the average Loudoun home. The number of Cascades homes using more than 1,000 gallons per day fell from 117 in the second quarter of 2007 to six in the second quarter of this year.

"I think the reason it decreased in 2008

## Get Involved

The Cascades Green Team meets on the third Thursday of each month, at 7:30 p.m., at the Lowes Island Community Center, 47620 Saulty Drive. New members are welcome. The energy audit seminar is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 17, from 7-9 p.m., at the Potomac Lakes Stone House Community Center, 20670 Fernbank Court. The Green Expo will be held Tuesday, Oct. 7, from 6:30-9:30 p.m., also at the Stone House Community Center. Cleanup Day will be Sunday, Nov. 2. To learn more, call Martha Kaczmarskyj at 703-406-0456.



PHOTO BY MIKE DICICCO/THE CONNECTION

**From left, Martha Kaczmarskyj, Cynthia Leigh and Cindy Goldberg, pictured with the new recycle bin and rain barrel for the Lowes Island Community Center and one of the new and improved recycle bins residents will soon receive, are formative members of the Cascades Green Team.**

is that the community became more interested in 'green,'" Kaczmarskyj said, adding that water-saving tips had been published in the newsletter. She said lowering water consumption also decreases the community's carbon footprint. Treating water requires energy.

Leigh said the Green Team is now working to get recycle bins installed next to all trash cans on the community's walkways.

Goldberg said keeping the neighborhood looking good and environmentally aware creates the added bonus of bolstering home values.

"Lowering the community [carbon] footprint is a selling point to the modern homebuyer," Kaczmarskyj said.

**SUPERVISOR ANDREA** McGimsey (D-Potomac) has asked Kaczmarskyj to work on establishing a coalition with other Loudoun communities. Kaczmarskyj said Ashburn Village has already expressed an interest and she plans to invite representatives from any and all communities to a meeting in October.

Goldberg said some team members are involved with the schools and are working with teachers to create classroom presentations and activities about environmental stewardship.

"If kids learn to do something, they go home and make their parents do it," Kaczmarskyj said.

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19154 Ranleigh Ter. \$399,000 Sun 1-4 Dina Azzam RE/MAX 703-547-1449  
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**Congregation Sha'are Shalom**, 19357 Evergreen Mills Road, Leesburg, will hold free study sessions in preparation for Rosh HaShanah (the new year) and Yom Kippur (the day of atonement). The Jewish High Holy Days ("yamim noraim" or days of awe) start with Rosh Hashanah, Monday evening, Sept. 29, which marks the beginning of the year 5769, and end with Yom Kippur, a 25-hour fast, which will begin Oct. 8, Wednesday, at 6:15 p.m.

The sessions take place Thursday, **Sept. 11**, 7:30-9 p.m., The Binding of Isaac, explore this challenging text through the lens of 2000 years of Jewish interpretation; and Saturday, **Sept. 27**, 8-9 p.m., Selichot: The Gates are Opening, an evening of prayer, study and spiritual preparation beginning with havdalah, continuing with selichot (prayers for forgiveness), and concluding with a brief study of the Rosh Hashanah liturgy.

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The **All Dulles Area Muslim Society**, Islamic Society of North America, Unity Walk 2008, and Washington National Cathedral will host the National Interfaith Ramadan Iftar (Breaking of the Fast) at Washington National Cathedral's Cathedral College, 3510 Woodley Road, N.W., Washington, D.C., Sunday, **Sept. 14**, from 6-10 p.m.

The National Interfaith Ramadan Iftar will take place after the 9/11 Unity Walk. Ramadan is the month on the Islamic lunar calendar during which Muslims fast from dawn to sunset.

# SPORTS

## Panthers Setting to Defend Crowns

Potomac Falls cross country readying for Brentsville Relays this Saturday.

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he Potomac Falls High cross country teams were looking forward to competing at last Saturday's scheduled Great Meadows event. The large, annual early season meet is considered to be one of the highlights of the Northern Virginia high-school season and the Panthers, who have never raced at the renowned meet, were hoping to be participants this year.

But the rainy weather forced the Great Meadows competition to be cancelled. There will be no makeup date.

"We were supposed to be at Great Meadows and were greatly disappointed we weren't able to go," Potomac Falls coach, Dolph Null, said. "And I'm sure [all the other] teams were disappointed."

In recent years, Potomac Falls has not competed at the Great Meadows races because it was committed to participating at the Keyser Invitational, a smaller meet in Boonesboro.

But Null said many of his boys and girls team members expressed an interest in competing at the Great Meadows event this season. So Null entered his team in the larger meet.

The Great Meadows Invitational is considered, in local cross country circles, to be one of three fall meets that make up the area's cross country triple crown. The other two such meets are the annual Oatlands and Octoberfest showcase events.

"It was the first year we were going to take part in it," Null said of Great Meadows. "We normally always go to the Keyser Invitational."

It's a great meet we've always gone to. But the kids wanted to go to Great Meadows. We were going to go to Great Meadows just for the experience of going. It's highly touted."

**BOTH THE POTOMAC FALLS** varsity boys and girls teams are coming off respective Dulles District titles in 2007. Last Wednesday, both the Panther boys and girls teams finished first in a tri-meet at Oatlands.

The participating teams, along with Potomac Falls, were district rivals Dominion and Freedom high schools. It was the first meet of the season for the Panthers.

Null said the game plan going into the tri-meet was for Potomac Falls to pace itself on both the boys and girls sides because of the Great Meadows competition slated for that following weekend.

They wanted to be fully rested for Great Meadows.

"We kind of held back with respect to the fact we would be at the

Great Meadows last weekend," Null said.

This year's Potomac Falls boys team has lots of key members back from last year's squad that ultimately finished fifth in the state. Those runners, all seniors, include Josh Belin, Ryan Hagen, Josh Hardin, Ryan Kiefer, Andrew Mott and Brian Robinson.

"They've been outstanding leaders," Null said of the 12<sup>th</sup>-graders.

The Panther girls' top two runners from last year return in junior

Christina Lee and sophomore Melissa Saunders. Lee was the individual district champion last year before finishing second at the Region II meet and fourth at states.

Other talented runners for the Potomac Falls girls will be seniors



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**Potomac Falls high boys' cross country runner Josh Hardin, left, is one of a number of experienced athletes back on the Panthers' squad this fall. Last year, he finished 14<sup>th</sup> overall at the state championships.**

Denise Cordary, Kaitlyn Hunter, Suzanne Rodgers, Margaret Williams, Sinead Gilmore and Shannon Brady; junior Rachel Diniega; and sophomore Rachel Hagen.

Null said his boys and girls teams' chances this fall will not be

dependent on a handful of runners.

"Its such a team sport," said the coach. "You're just as good as

you're No. 1 runner, but really no better than you're No. 7."

Lee, the Panther girls' top runner, has not

competed yet this season as a result of some injury struggles. Null said he will bring her along slowly this season in hopes of having the standout at full

strength for the postseason.

"She's running, but not [full speed]. We're trying to take care of her," Null said.

Potomac Falls will compete at the Brentsville Relays in Nokesville

this Saturday. The meet will begin at 4:30 p.m. and run into the night under the lights.



**The Park View Patriots' football team will travel to Winchester this Friday night to take on the Judges of Handley High School.**

### SPORTS ROUNDUPS

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**Dulles Youth Basketball**, grades first-third, will hold registration Saturday, Sept. 13, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at Stone Bridge

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The **Skills Plus Basketball Academy** and the Loudoun County Department of Parks and Recreation are offering fall basketball clinics from Sept. 11-Oct. 30, at Douglass Community Center. A clinic for boys and girls ages 7-9 will be held Thursdays, from 6-7:30 p.m. A clinic for girls-only, ages 10-13, will be held Thursdays, from 7:30-9 p.m.

Information can be found in the Parks and Recreation fall activity catalog. Contact Michael Turner at michaelturner@aol.com or call 703-303-0808.

**The adult field hockey program**, part

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## SPORTS

# Stone Bridge Football Dominates Rams

## Bulldogs set to face Marshall this week.

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he Stone Bridge High football team overwhelmed visiting opponent Robinson last Friday night, 49-7.

It was a sweet win for the defending Division 5 state AAA champion Bulldogs, who suffered their only 2007 loss to the same Robinson team.

Senior running back Daniel Allen and senior quarterback Patrick Thompson both ran for a pair of touchdowns in the decisive Stone Bridge victory. Also scoring two touchdowns for the Bulldogs was senior running back/defensive back Michael Prince, who found the end zone on a 32-yard run on offense and also recovered a ball in the end zone on defense.

Stone Bridge scored two touchdowns apiece in each of the first three quarters. The Bulldogs led 28-7 at halftime and 42-7 after three quarters.

Stone Bridge improved to 2-0 with the win. The locals were 42-28 winners over West Springfield two weeks ago in Ashburn in week one action.

This Friday night, the Bulldogs will travel to Marshall High School for their Liberty District opener. Stone Bridge is playing a 1-1 Marshall squad that is coming off a 26-7 loss at Fairfax High last week. The Statesmen, who defeated Hayfield in their season opener two weeks ago, led the home team Rebels 7-0 at halftime. But Fairfax scored 13 points in both the third and fourth quarters to take charge of the nondistrict contest. Marshall running back Vic Vanegas scored from a yard out for the game's only touchdown in the first half.

A year ago, Stone Bridge opened its postseason run with a 49-29 victory over Marshall in a Division 5 quarterfinals round region playoff game.



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**Stone Bridge ball carrier Marcus Harris attempts to shed off a West Springfield tackler.**

One of Stone Bridge's tougher opponents this season was expected to be district opponent Madison. But the Warhawks are 0-2 following their 23-7 loss at Yorktown last Friday night. The Warhawks, who lost to Oakton in their season opener two weeks

ago, will look to get into the victory column this Friday night when they host Wakefield High, a National District team from Arlington. The Warriors (0-2) lost to Hayfield, 35-21, last week.

## SPORTS ROUNDUPS

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**The Northern Virginia Senior Olympics** will be held Sept. 20-Oct. 2 for adults 50 and over. Opening day will take place at the Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 S. 2nd St., Arlington, Saturday, Sept. 20. Welcome ceremonies will be held at 10:30 a.m., followed by track and field events. Virginia Hospital Center will sponsor a health fair, from 9 a.m.-noon. More than 20 other events will take place during the 10-day competition at various venues throughout Northern Virginia. In addition to track and field, events will include swimming, tennis, table tennis, bowling, golf. Registration is \$10, which includes one event; additional events are \$1. Registration forms will be available in June at senior centers and senior residences or by calling 703-228-3600, Ext. 9996.



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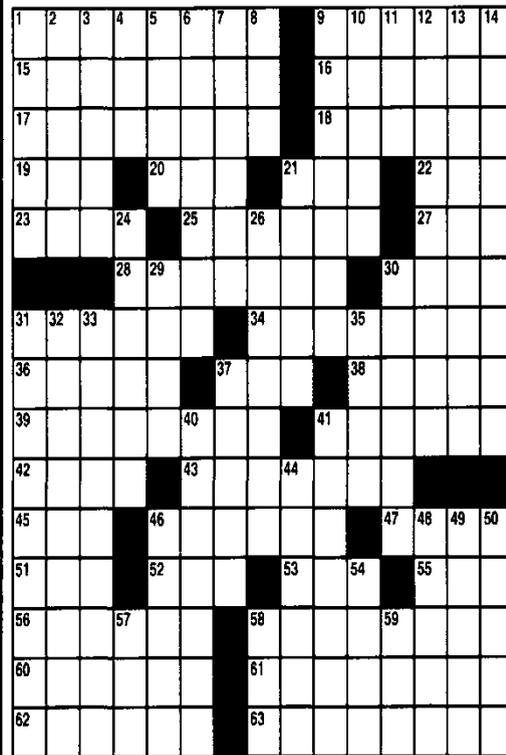
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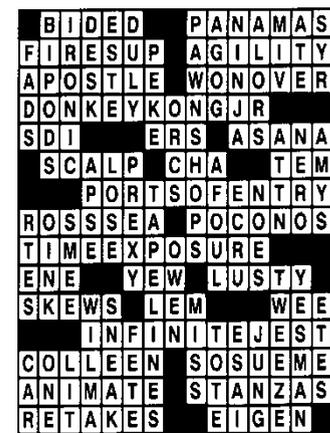
**ACROSS**

- 1 "Psssst!" source
- 9 Checks (out)
- 15 Presence
- 16 Husk-wrapped dish
- 17 Simulate
- 18 Shadowy
- 19 One abroad
- 20 Poetic period
- 21 E-mail address ending
- 22 James's follower
- 23 Top
- 25 Deserts
- 27 Coll. course
- 28 "She's the One" actress
- 30 Big name in Dixieland
- 31 Breakfast order
- 34 1862 battle site
- 36 Irritates
- 37 Loser in the Seven Years' War: Abbr.
- 38 Vacation locale with 3,500-year-old ruins
- 39 Like some wells
- 41 Ease
- 42 Neckwear piece
- 43 Wink: Var.
- 45 Affect, with "to"
- 46 They take panes
- 47 Distressed cry
- 51 Arctic explorer John —
- 52 "— Woman" (1975 hit)
- 53 Tiny bit
- 55 Struggle
- 56 Like Federal tax laws
- 58 It's binding
- 60 Puts on
- 61 Made an aqueduct, maybe
- 62 They have sharp tongues
- 63 Bucks

**DOWN**

- 8 "—, smile not at my sullen brow": Byron
- 9 Kind of union
- 10 "Caligula" playwright
- 11 Overseer of U.S. govt. money
- 12 Sponges
- 13 Involved
- 14 Some local politicians
- 21 Broad collars
- 24 Accessed, with "into"
- 26 Firm
- 29 1987 Costner role
- 30 "Hiroshima" author, 1946
- 31 Unwanted growth
- 32 Oxide of cerium, yttrium, etc.
- 33 Station wagon, in England
- 35 Tracy Marrow, familiarly
- 37 Mrs. Gorbachev
- 40 Muddled
- 41 Ristorante order
- 44 Ordinariness
- 46 Strength
- 48 Rudimentary seed
- 49 Bell Atlantic employee
- 50 City ENE of Manchester
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- 57 Biographical bit
- 58 Mil. titles
- 59 Shatner's "—War"

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